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## VIA FACSIMILE

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**RE: Proposed Briefing Schedule, Appeal of Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C., From an Objection by the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection to a Consistency Certification for the Islander East Pipeline Project**

Dear Mr. Blum:

I am writing to inquire about the status of the proposed briefing schedule in the above matter. As you may recall, Islander East and the State of Connecticut submitted proposed briefing schedules to you on December 20, 2002. We have not received any notification regarding the briefing schedule. Accordingly, we would request that the initial due date of any briefing be calculated thirty (30) days from the date you notify the parties of the briefing schedule.

We look forward to hearing from you and are available for any additional telephone conferences if that would be helpful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Frank L. Amoroso

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